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suction means for forcedly sucking the ink in said recording head.

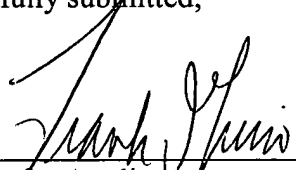
REMARKS

Claim 42 has been amended to place the claim in proper multiply-dependent form.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING THE CHANGE MADE TO CLAIM 42

42. An ink jet recording apparatus for discharging liquid ink for recording on a recording medium, comprising:

holding means for detachably holding a recording head for executing recording by discharging ink;

a liquid container according to any of claims 1 to 6, 8 to 14, [17,] or 20 to 23 for containing ink to be supplied to said recording head;

a liquid supply unit for connecting said recording head to said liquid supply portion of said liquid container thereby supplying ink in said liquid chamber to said recording head along with the ink discharge from said recording head and communicating the interior of said liquid chamber with the air through said air introducing portion of said liquid container; and

suction means for forcedly sucking the ink in said recording head.